

REMARKS

Claims 54-143 were pending in the application. Claims 54, 55, 104-117, 130-133, and 138-143 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 56-103, 118-129, and 134-137 are now pending in this application.

Restriction

The present restriction divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I: claims 54 and 112-114

Group II: claims 55, 115-117, and 133

Group III: claims 56-103, 118-129, and 134-137

Group IV: claims 104-111, 130-132, and 138

Group V: claims 139-143

Applicant elects group III without traverse, but reserves the right to file Divisional Applications to pursue the other restricted claims. Applicant respectfully submits, based at least on the arguments provided in the preceding Office Action Response, that the present claims are allowable as written.

CONCLUSION:

Applicant respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above-referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5957-71800/DMM.

Respectfully submitted,

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